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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National
Security Affairs
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: November Forecast and October Highlights of NRP Satellite
and Aircraft Activities

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program forecast of over-
flight activities for the month of November 1973, and highlight informa-
tion for the past 30 days on previously approved overflight activities.

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Attachment

NRO and USAF review(s) completed.

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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1973

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| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 4 Peripheral | U-2R | | China/S. China Coasts |
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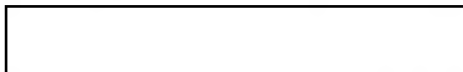
NOTE: 1. The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971 (to remain at least 25 nm offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands).

2. Plans are still active to fly the one remaining of the two IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD missions previously approved as soon as weather and equipment permit.

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IDEALIST/TACKLE HIGHLIGHTS 15 SEP - 14 OCT 1973

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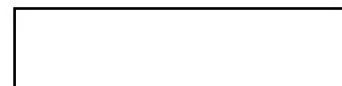
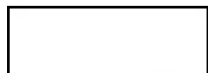


The mission was a routine flight with no significant items to report.

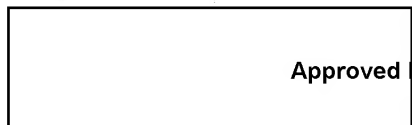
IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD HIGHLIGHTS 15 SEP - 14 OCT 1973

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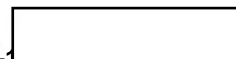


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FORECAST OF IDEALIST FORWARD PASS AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1973

| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | |
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| ---- | U-2R | | Middle East | 25X1 |

NOTE: IDEALIST SCOPE SAINT VII scheduled for 12 October was overtaken by events, as on 7 October 1973 an operational deployment "FORWARD PASS" was ordered for possible coverage of the Middle East crisis. The U-2R aircraft has been in position since 8 October 1973. The aircraft is prepared to respond to approved requests to conduct high altitude missions on selected Middle East targets.

FORWARD PASS missions to the Middle East may be requested in November.

FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1973

| <u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u> | <u>VEHICLE</u> | <u>TYPE</u> | <u>COUNTRY</u> | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|------|
| 4 Overflights | U-2R | | Cuba | 25X1 |

NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be used to satisfy valid USIB requirements. The remaining sorties requested for use against other extraordinary/quick-reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

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OLYMPIC FIRE HIGHLIGHTS 13 SEP - 12 OCT 1973

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[redacted] mission confirmed the presence of a Soviet F class submarine and a KANIN class destroyer in Mariel harbor. A large pedestal mounted parabolic antenna (about 40.5 feet in diameter) was seen at the Tapaste Comsat ground station, located about ten miles southeast of Havana which will provide additional communications links between Cuba and the USSR. The mission aborted 1 1/2 hours early because a power interruption at Guantanamo Naval Station prevented positive radar flight following of the U-2.

2. The October mission was tasked to ascertain if military offensive weapons were being emplaced in the vicinity of the Guantanamo Naval Station. Readout of mission photography disclosed that 12 drive-through revetments and nine artillery revetments have been constructed near Guantanamo since the OLYMPIC FIRE mission [redacted] 25X1

3. As of 12 October the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed [redacted] of the area covered. By 25X1 1 December, if no missions are flown during November, the quarterly requirement will stand at [redacted] 25X1

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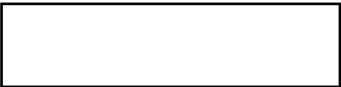
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FORECAST OF GIANT REACH AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER 1973

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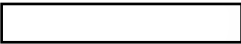
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Middle East

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NOTE: GIANT REACH SR-71 aircraft are at present on a 24-hour alert basis.

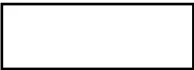


GIANT REACH missions to the Middle East may be requested in November.

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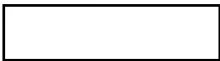
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